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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PARTY

1. AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING I TABLED OUR REVISED PROPOSAL ON
SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS (STATE 170798) AND MADE STATEMENT THEREON.
AS HE HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED ME, DEMENOV MADE BRIEF STATEMENT
ON DEFINITIONS ARTICLE FOLLOWED BY MORE DETAILED STATEMENTS
BY SCHUKIN, TRUSOV AND BELETSKY.

2. ALTHOUGH IN MY STATEMENT I FELT THAT I HAD POINTED OUT THE
DISTINCT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SETS OF NEGOTIATIONS PROVIDED
FOR IN OUR PROPOSAL, THAT IS THE NOGOTIATIONS FOR FURTHER
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LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER ENTRY
INTO FORCE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT AND THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A
POST-1958 FOLLOW-ON AGREEMENT, IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION
HE QUESTIONED ME ON THHIS POINT, AND I SOUGHT TO CLARIFY IT.

3. THEIR PRESENTATIONS ON DEFINITIONS ARTICLE INCLUDED A NEW TWIST TO THE EFFECT THAT OUR SEPARATING LAUNCHER AND MISSILE DEFINITIONS WOULD LEAVE DOOR OPEN FOR ALLEGATION THAT "ANY DEVICE OR EQUIPMENT," NO MATTER HOW FAR FETCHED, WHICH CAN BE USED FOR LAUNCHING A MISSILE IS IN FACT AN ICBM OR SLBM LAUNCHER. IN THIS CONNECTION THEY NOTED THAT WE MIGHT EVEN ALLEGE THAT A MR/IRBM LAUNCHER IS AN ICBM LAUNCHER OR THAT ANY DEVICE OR EQUIPMENT, WHETHER ON A SUBMARINE OR NOT, WHICH COULD LAUNCH A SLBM WAS IN FACT A SLBM LAUNCHER. (IN HIS STATEMENT TRUSOV SPECIFICALLY SAID THAT THEIR SLBM LAUNCHER DEFINITION REFLECTED AGREED SCC PROCEDURES AND THUS IMPLIED THAT SNN-6 WOULD BE COVERED IN THEIR SBLM DEFINITION.)

4. IN HIS PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH MAY, SHCHUKIN (WHO MADE THEIR PRESENTATION ON MIRV DEFINITION) SAID THAT SOVIET DEFINITION WAS MORE PRECISE THAN US DEFINITION IN THAT IT COVERED ALL METHODS BY WHICH TWO OR MORE WARHEADS COULD EITHER BE GUIDED OR MANEUVERED AFTER SEPARATION FROM THEIR BOOSTER TO ARBITRARY PRESERIALIZED TARGETS. HE SAID THE US DEFINITION IN CONTRAST MIGHT MAKE FOR SOME CONFUSION BETWEEN MIRVS AND MRVS, IN THAT MRVS MIGHT BE USED TO TARGET CERTAIN FIXED PATTERNS.

5. ALSO IN HIS BILATERAL CONVERSATION WITH MAY, SHCHUKIN CONFIRMED THE MEANINGS OF "PRACTICE" AND "MEASURE" THAT HE HAD SET FORTH IN THEIR CONVERSATION ON JULY 25(PARA 5 SALT TWO-689 AND PARA ONE SALT TWO 692). HE ALSO SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE TERM "INTERFERENCE" INCLUDED DESTRUCTION OF NTM.

6. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION SEMENOV ACCEPTED MY SUGGESTION THAT AT OUR NEXT BILATERAL MEETING ON AUGUST 1 WE TAKE UP ARTICLE XVIII (SCC PROCEDURES) ESPECIALLY INFORMATION EXCHANGE (PARATWO ((A)) AND DISMANTLING DESTRUCTION AND NOTIFICATION (PARA TWO (B)), AND I ACCEPTED HIS SUGGESTION THAT KLOSSON, EARLE KARPOV AND SMOLIN ALSO PARTICIPATE.

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(HE SAID THEIR STATEMENT AT NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON PARA THREE OF ARTICLE XVII(VERIFICATION).

7. IN HIS POST-MEETING CONVERSATION WITH KLOSSON AND EARLE, KARPOV SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WOULD NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL 1977, HE THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH CONSIDERING AGREEMENT THAT ALL PROVISIONS IN NEW AGREEMENT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE IA SHOULD BE OBSERVED FROM DATE OF SIGNATURE IN SAME PATTERN AS "STANDSTILL" THAT WAS APPLIED IN IA AND ABM TREATY IN 1972.

8. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MORNING AUGUST 1.

9. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING. JOHNSON
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